



Surrey Heritage Awards 2019

Nomination 1: Parklands Farm Granary

Ockley, Mole Valley District

Summary

Parklands Farm Granary is Grade II listed late 17th or early 18th century granary located over a cart shed. Much of the granary's original fabric had been retained, including its corn bins, and its modest scale and relationship with the cart shed makes it an unusual piece of surviving Surrey vernacular architecture.

Project

The granary was in a particularly poor condition following years of neglect. The main structural posts in the building had moved resulting in one corner subsiding and pulling the butt rafters out of the purlin. The roof was also in a poor condition causing significant rot throughout the structure.

The works included stripping the roof and jacking the building up to re-engage the rafter-to-purlin joints and allow the leaning timbers to be set near upright. The tiles were reinstated and the internal plasterwork repaired with traditional lath and plaster to the affected areas. The ground floor of the building was part enclosed by walls made from traditional plank bark-edge offcuts.

Initial Comments

Judges noted the granary was on the point of collapse when the owners bought the property. Although it had minimal economic value, the owners' appreciated it for its historic character and the contribution makes to the setting of the listed farmhouse. The contractor was able to stabilise the granary without dismantling it and has done an excellent job of carrying out sympathetic repairs using traditional materials and techniques.

